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Annual Report
of the
MUNICIPAL OFFICERS
of the
Northport Village Corporation

August 8, 2006

It is appropriate that this year's Annual Report be dedicated, with great appreciation, to our retiring Clerk, Eleanor Lagner. There would be no Annual Report if Ellie had not revived the tradition of its publication under her tutelage, editorship, and insistence. When Ellie became Clerk of this little Village many years after she first came to Bayside, she recognized that the best way to assure that Bayside's citizens understood this uniquely special Village was to communicate effectively with it. Hence, the Annual Report was reborn.

Ellie's connection to this Village long predates her tenure as our Clerk. She has selflessly shared her memories of her first visits to Bayside, with her memories stored in the files of The Bayside Historical Preservation Society. She tells of her first adventures in Bayside, starting as a young girl in 1938 – we won't say her age then, to her first meeting with a young sailor named Dick studying at Marion Eaton's Sailing School, to their courtship.

These memories center on games, and family, and fun. Between Bayside, games, and family, Ellie taught generations of Morse High School English students the rules of grammar and the love of literature. In her "retirement" she has served as a proofreader of medical record transcriptions and as our venerable Clerk. As Clerk, she has obtained a grant to preserve our Village records, organized our files, and endeavored to preserve the sense of community that binds this Village. Through this Annual Report, she helps us know who we are and why we are here.

We dedicate this volume of the Annual Report to her as she steps back from the role of Clerk to thank her for reminding us of what's best and true about Bayside.

Northport Village Corporation

EMERGENCY NUMBERS

Fire	911
Medical	911
Waldo County Sheriff	338-2040 or 1-800-660-3398

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Village Office	813 Shore Road Northport, Maine 04849
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338-0751
nvc@prexar.com

Village Office Hours	Tues. 9:00 – 3:30; Wed., Thurs. 9:30 – 3:30, Fri. 11:00 – 3:30; Sat. 9:30 – 12:30
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Village Agent	Bill Paige, 338-0751
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Utilities Superintendent	Dick McElhaney, 338-0751
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Wharfmaster Assistants	Gordon Fuller, 338-5387 Drexel White, 338-6085; Ed Williams 338-2616 (summer) 338-2236 (winter)
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Harbormaster	Allen “Mike” Brown, 338-3419
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Village Police	Chief Sal Demeo Officer Joan Demeo
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Direct all questions to the NVC office.

Meetings of the Board of Overseers are posted on the Village Bulletin Boards.

The NVC Annual Meeting is the 2nd Tuesday in August.

NVC owns and operates the water and sewer systems.

Northport Village Corporation

Village Officers

President

Josiah P. Huntoon, Jr.

Treasurer

Julian Sheffield

Clerk

Eleanor Lagner

Board of Overseers

January 1 – August 2005

Peter Allen, Margaret Brockway, David Crofoot, Mary Hanrahan, Judy Metcalf, Michael Robbins, Peter Spollett

August 9, 2005 – August 8, 2006

Peter Allen, Margaret Brockway, William Cressey, David Crofoot, Linda Houghton, Judy Metcalf, Peter Spollett

Public Notice
Northport Village Corporation
Annual Meeting
August 8, 2006

To Sal Demeo, Police Chief of the Northport Village Corporation in the County of Waldo, State of Maine.

GREETING:

In the name of the State of Maine, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Northport Village Corporation in Waldo County, Maine, qualified by law to vote in town affairs, to meet at the Community Hall in Bayside on Tuesday the 8th day of August A.D. 2006, at 6:30 o'clock in the evening, then and there to act upon the following articles:

Article 1: To choose a Moderator by written ballot to preside at said meeting.

Article 2: To choose a recording secretary for the meeting.

Article 3: President's Report.

Article 4: Treasurer's Report.

Article 5: Surface Water Runoff Report.

Article 6: To see what sums of money the Northport Village Corporation will raise and appropriate for the following accounts for the fiscal year 2007:

Overseers' Proposed Budget

Total Income	\$184,350
Expenses	
General Government	\$62,650
Roads & Storm Drains	44,700
Protection & Safety	22,200
Community	20,500
Debt Service & Reserve	<u>34,300</u>
Total Expenses	\$184,350

This money will be raised as follows: \$25,000 to be requested from the Town of Northport on the warrant of its Annual Town Meeting, and the balance to be raised from the Village Tax. If the warrant is not approved by the Town of Northport, the budget will be raised entirely from the Village Tax.

Article 7: To approve borrowings by the Northport Village Corporation in an amount not to exceed \$50,000 for working capital purposes. Funds are to be borrowed in anticipation of the 2007 taxes.

Article 8: To approve borrowings by the Northport Village Corporation in an amount not to exceed \$100,000. Funds are to be used towards replacement of the Community Hall and Wharf as needed, emergency repairs to utilities operated by the Village Corporation, for reconstruction of

shoreline damage to property owned by the Northport Village Corporation as a result of a storm, or repair of roads owned by the Corporation.

Article 9: To fix a rate of interest on taxes delinquent after November 30, 2006, equal to that charged by the Town of Northport.

Article 10: To approve the revised Northport Village Corporation Utility Ordinance.

Article 11: To elect the Officers by written ballot (President, Clerk, and Treasurer).

Article 12: To elect Overseers by written ballot.

Article 13: Resolution providing for participating in the Maine Municipal Employees Health Trust.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Overseers of the Northport Village Corporation as follows:

That the Northport Village Corporation join with other participating municipal and quasi-municipal employers in a Multiple Employer Welfare Arrangement for the provision of employee health benefits, as authorized by 24-A M.R.S.A. § 6601 et seq., said Arrangement to be known as the "Maine Municipal Employees Health Trust" (Health Trust); and for that purpose and in consideration of the mutual covenants and agreements among the participating employers, to authorize the President to enter into a Participation Agreement on behalf of the Northport Village Corporation and take whatever other actions may be necessary. The authority granted herein shall remain until revoked.

Article 14: Reports of Committees

ADJOURNMENT

Dated: July 6, 2006

Northport Village Corporation

Josiah P. Huntoon, Jr., President

Eleanor D. Lagner, Clerk

Julian Sheffield, Treasurer

BOARD OF OVERSEERS

Peter Allen

Margaret Brockway

William Cressey

David Crofoot

Linda Houghton

Judy Metcalf

Peter Spollett

A true copy of the warrant,

Attest: Eleanor D. Lagner, Clerk

Northport Village Corporation

Note: Due to early publication, this warrant may be changed or amended before the August 8th Annual Meeting. Current annual financials and Auditor's Report will be provided at the Annual Meeting.

	BUDGET 2005	ACTUAL 2005	% of Budget 2005	BUDGET 2006	PROPOSED 2007
REVENUES					
TAXES - REAL ESTATE	116,500	103,646	88.97%	132,176	159,350
TAXES - PRIOR YEARS		21,720			
TOWN APPROPRIATION	25,000	25,000	100.00%	25,000	25,000
INVESTMENT INCOME	1,000	120	12.00%		
OTHER REVENUE		839			
TOTAL INCOME	142,500	151,325	106.19%	157,176	184,350
EXPENSES					
GENERAL GOVERNMENT					
VILLAGE OFFICIALS	1,200	1,100	91.67%	1,100	1,100
Bookkeep Svcs/Payroll Process.	3,500	2,818	80.51%	3,500	500
VILLAGE AGENT	16,300	15,851	97.25%	18,000	18,000
OFFICE PERSONNEL		5,222		6,000	7,000
TAX COLLECTION	1,700	0	0.00%	1,876	3,500
PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	5,000	9,165	183.30%	8,300	5,000
LEGAL FEES	4,000	462	11.55%	3,000	2,000
BUILDING & UTILITIES	7,000	2,206	31.51%	7,000	8,000
INSURANCE & BONDING	5,000	7,338	146.76%	7,300	7,300
MMA MEMBERSHIP	550	550	100.00%	550	550
OFFICE EXPENSE	3,500	2,191	62.60%	1,200	1,200
PAYROLL TAXES	2,500	1,149	45.96%	3,000	2,500
MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSE	6,150	83	1.35%	5,900	6,000
	56,400	48,135	85.35%	66,726	62,650
ROADS					
WINTER ROADS	2,250	3,500	155.56%	4,200	4,200
					30,000
ROAD MAINTENANCE	12,000	8,255	68.79%	12,200	10,500
	14,250	11,755	82.49%	16,400	44,700
PROTECTION & SAFETY					
STREET LIGHTS	5,500	5,020	91.27%	6,200	6,200
POLICE	7,000	7,779	111.13%	10,000	10,000
HYDRANT RENTAL	1,600	1,600	100.00%	1,600	1,600
LIFEGUARDS	4,300	2,889	67.20%	4,400	4,400
	18,400	17,288	93.96%	22,200	22,200
COMMUNITY					
PARKS	9,000	13,707	152.30%	9,000	9,000
COMMUNITY EVENTS	1,000	333	33.30%	1,000	500
INFORMATION & NOTICES	1,000	603	60.30%	1,000	1,000
LIBRARY	500	215	43.00%	550	0
WHARFS/FLOATS	3,000	2,130	71.00%	6,000	10,000
	14,500	16,988	117.16%	17,550	20,500
DEBT SERVICE and RESERVE					
WASTEWATER BOND EXPENSE	10,000	9,300	93.00%	15,000	15,000
PHASE I CAPITAL COST	9,300	6,300	67.74%	9,300	9,300
RESERVE ACCOUNT PHASE III	20,000	20,000	100.00%	10,000	10,000
	39,300	35,600	90.59%	34,300	34,300
CAPITAL PROJECTS					
Phase II		10,507			
TOTAL EXPENSES	142,850	140,273	98.20%	157,176	184,350
Surplus (Deficit)	-350	11,052			

President's Report
Northport Village Corporation
2005

The Overseers and Officers of the Northport Village Corporation decided last year that the reports should not be tied to the financial year, January – December, but be as close to the annual meeting as possible. Hopefully this will give members of the Village Corporation more complete information than in past years. Our financial reporting will continue to be on a calendar year. At the Annual Meeting the current financials will be available.

As of January 1, 2006, the accounting records of the Village Corporation are now being done “in house.” This change will allow the Overseers to have up to date information on the financial activities of the Village Corporation and give them better tools for financial planning. This conversion has been complicated, as accounting rules governing the Village Corporation’s reports changed starting January 1st. This required setting up a new set of books as well as transferring the existing records to the new system.

The Utility Committee and the Overseers continue to work on our sewer problems. This includes both short and long term planning. The emphasis, at present, is on curing infiltration into the existing sewer lines.

We have set up a Surface Runoff Committee to find answers to the problems resulting from the flooding of our streets. The committee will report its findings at the Annual Meeting.

Our Village Corporation, as well as all other municipal organizations, continues to walk the fine line of providing services within reasonable tax assessments. All municipalities face the problems of reduced funding, increasing costs of operations, and replacement of aging infrastructure.

The Town of Northport has no control over approximately 75% of the taxes it raises. The Village Corporation has to budget expenses for the next calendar year by June 30th of the prior year with the tax payments coming in the last quarter of the budgeted year.

The Officers, Overseers and staff of the Village Corporation wish to express their thanks to the members who have made suggestions for improving our operations, and contributed their time and efforts to make our operations more efficient. We hope you will continue your contributions.

Josiah P. Huntoon, Jr.

Communications Committee

One of the continuing goals of your Board of Overseers has been to assure that communication is direct and easy. The smartest thing we did to enhance this goal was hire Karen Hoedtke. Karen serves as the office administrator for your village but that job description is too narrow to tell you what she really does. If you have a question about your bills, tax or utility, start with Karen, she will strive to be helpful, accurate, and efficient.

In facilitating this goal, we have also expanded our office hours. Our office is open the following days and times: Tuesday 9:00 – 3:30; Wednesday and Thursday 9:30 – 3:30; Friday 11:00 – 3:30; Saturday 9:30 – 12:30.

We have our own website and page on which is posted our meeting times, minutes, and ordinances. The URL is www.northportvillage.govoffice.com. The contact information for your Overseers, your officers, and your Utility Trustees is also posted there. It will be your Overseers' goal to try to make this a more user friendly page in the next years.

Our work is your business. All our meetings are public, except those specifically noticed and to be executive session. Under the Right of Access Policy, you may obtain copies of our work, minutes, papers. We hope this will facilitate our continuing effort to assure transparency and satisfaction with our work.

Judy Metcalf

Surface Runoff Committee Report

Precipitation that falls on the hundreds of acres of land in and above our village must either be absorbed or find its way to the bay. When land is settled and people build houses, roads, and other infrastructure, the natural pathways taken by water flowing downhill are disrupted and unless careful provisions are made for channeling runoff, problems arise.

In Northport Village, the problems associated with runoff have been with us for at least a century as we can see from the following quote from the *Republican Journal* dated September 10, 1896: "The heavy rain of Sunday washed the streets very badly. Main Street is in very bad shape. Maple Street is also badly washed."

In August, 2005, immediately following the NVC election, the Overseers appointed a Surface Runoff Committee to explore solutions to the current problems. The Committee consists of two Overseers and two other residents:

Bill Cressey, chair
Linda Houghton
Bob Smith
Sid Block

We made an attempt to investigate previous efforts and to explore prior successes and failures. It quickly became apparent that, with the multiple versions of history generated by the finger pointing blame game, it would be difficult to reach any reliable conclusions about the past. One thing is evident—the situation was exacerbated, not improved, when the most recent

infrastructure projects were carried out in and around the core village. Since the focus of those projects was utilities, not roads or rainwater, it is perhaps understandable that the runoff problems were not correctly addressed at that time.

The worst problems are related to the streets that run downhill from the Bluff Road and George Street to Broadway and Bay Avenue. The Committee decided to try the least invasive solutions first. Accordingly dirt swales were dug on the sides of the worst streets. The location of sewer lines prevented, in some cases, the reintroduction of deeper ditches with culverts under the driveways.

For a time, it seemed that this strategy was working. But during the winter, snow plowing activities destroyed the crowns of some of the roads and sent some of the dirt into the swales. An early thaw in February demonstrated that this partial solution is inadequate.

At its March meeting, the Overseers voted to engage a civil engineer to study the roads and recommend remediation strategies.

Since runoff work is largely related to roads, it was also evident to the Overseers that yet another attempt should be made to clarify the division of maintenance responsibilities between the Town and the Village. An overture from the Town officials gave us an indication that the climate might be favorable for a meeting of the minds and an agreement. Overseers Cressey and Crowfoot were asked to meet with Selectman Moran and attempt to reach a preliminary agreement. This meeting was held on March 28 and each side agreed to consult further with the full boards of overseers and selectmen. It was agreed that a follow-up meeting would be scheduled.

Our civil engineer, Al Hodsdon, has recommended that we pave the blocks between George and Broadway on Main, Maple, and Griffin. These blocks should also have paved swales and proper channels leading to the drains and catch basins on the Broadway ends. Pleasant, Clinton, and North Avenue were also examined and may be resolved with other measures short of paving. The Overseers estimated that the Village may be able to carry out the project on only one block per year. Main has the worst problems and the Overseers believed that it could be a good test case. It was acknowledged that care needs to be taken to work closely with residents on the street to ensure that the project is carried out in a way that entails minimum negative impact. This is especially important due to the fact that the Village right of way is considerably wider than the existing infrastructure.

The initial meeting with Mr. Moran produced a proposal that (a) the Town assume responsibility for maintaining roads running parallel to the shoreline, plus Cobe Road, and the Village assume responsibility for maintaining the remaining roads running perpendicular to the shoreline, (b) the Town assume responsibility for plowing any roads used by school busses, with the Village assuming responsibility for any other plowing that is needed, and (c) that the Town and Village share the cost of keeping catch basins clear, with the Village taking care of the work and billing the town for a part of the cost.

Mr. Hodsdon's written report contained a number of recommendations related to surface runoff on George Street, Broadway, North Avenue and all the streets running between George Street and Broadway. His estimate of total costs was \$90,000.00. The committee reiterated the fact that the problems on Main Street are the worst and decided to pursue remedies for Main Street as a first order of business. The committee wrote to all property owners abutting on Main Street to seek opinions. Views expressed on paving the street were mixed with some in favor, others opposed.

At the April meeting of the Board, the Overseers reached three conclusions:

1. That the total cost could not be paid in one year.
2. That a public hearing should be scheduled (July 2, 3:00 PM at the Community Hall) in order to give all residents a chance to express their views.
3. That \$30,000.00 in projects could be authorized this year, not to include the paving of any street.

The committee then prioritized the projects as follows:

1. New Culvert under Broadway at Maple, possibly extended down to the catch basin across the street from the Yacht Club.
2. One, possibly two, new catch basins on the bay side of George Street at Main and possibly Griffin with drain pipes running diagonally under George Street to the existing drainage ditch on the mountain side of George Street.
3. Refurbish the existing catch basin at Griffin and George, and the ditches that lead to it.
4. Install a pipe under Main Street from a ditch above the Inn running from the South side of Main over to the North side and down the street to the existing catch basin above Main and Broadway.
5. Pave a 10 foot apron on Maple Street at Bay Street, and shape the southwest corner of Maple and Bay, with swale and/or Cape Cod curb so as to channel water into the existing swale on Bay Street.
6. Dig ditches and/or swales on both sides of Main Street.
7. Establish effective drainage and appropriate traffic control at the corner of Clinton and Broadway.

Submitted by Bill Cressey. Report as of April 24, 2006.

NVC Utilities Report

Your Utility Department Trustees have met monthly throughout the year—usually on the first or second Friday. Trustees are David Crofoot (Chairman), Peter Spollett, Judy Metcalf, Jim Coughlin and Jane Strauss who attend either directly or by telephone conference call along with Dick McElhaney (Superintendent), Karen Hoedtker, and Dick Brockway (our ex-officio in-house engineer).

Last year, our work centered around convincing the DEP that our limited size and resources made it impossible for us to contemplate new sewer plant options including lagoon systems, secondary treatment plants, or connection to Belfast, all of which carried price tags above \$4 million. In the end they agreed with us that a three-pronged attack to correct I&I, repair and upgrade our existing primary treatment system, and to extend our sewer outfall were more appropriate goals with a price tag of less than \$2 million. Since there were no funds available for loan or grant in the state budget this year, we did not begin design of this project this year.

At the same time we worked to define areas of serious inflow and infiltration into our sewer collection system, trying to identify major sources of I&I to which we could apply our limited resources in order to get the most “bang for the buck.”

We also requested an increase in our sewer user fee to allow us to tackle small projects, to do

preliminary design work when matching funds for grants and loans became available from the state, and to allow for eventual debt service to pay for the project.

We are truly benefited by the common sense approach of Dick McElhaney, our Utilities Superintendent, who has identified several major problems in our systems and proposed useful and cost-effective solutions.

An innovative project was undertaken on the Granston property on Shore Road which eliminated a huge source of I&I—a 25 gal/minute flow presumably due to inflow into the system from an old well. 25 gal/minute is the equivalent of 36,000 gallons per day or half of our allowed daily flow. We were able to correct this at a cost of \$5,500—a lot of bang for the buck.

The South Shore pump station was noted to be running overtime. In addition to the Granston I&I and leaking manholes in the Kelly Cove.

subdivision which have been corrected, it was found that there was back leakage in the pumps. This required a three-part solution involving new gaskets, repair of the rails along which the pumps slide, and also replacement of one of the two pumps which had failed. The efficiency of the repaired pumps is reflected by a marked decrease in hours of pump run as well as in our electric bills.

Smoke testing of sewer collection pipes identified numerous leaks in the core village, particularly around Merithew Square and Auditorium Park which were not upgraded as part of the Phase I infrastructure project. Some areas such as Cobe Road and Maple Street could not be tested with smoke and will be examined with TV camera inspection during the high flow spring runoff season.

Exceptionally heavy rainfall in October (16 inches) and November (8 inches) was mirrored by excessive recorded discharges from the sewer treatment plant which were reported to the DEP as violations of our license. These high flows continued throughout the relatively warm and unfrozen winter. We have always recognized a relation between our discharge flows and heavy rainfall and groundwater saturation; however, the reported flows seemed excessive compared to past history (in drier years) especially in view of the repairs we had made on the South Shore to correct I&I sources. Dick McElhaney began to suspect a miscalibration of our flow meter and with the help and collaboration of Dick Brockway he identified this to be true. This has caused us to report flows much higher than really exist and to report to the DEP violations which were probably factitious. The flow meter has been recalibrated, recorded flows are down, and we will continue to monitor its accuracy. Except in unusually rainy periods, our flows should not exceed our license limits.

The drinking water system continues to function well with minimal problems. The major task is the installation and deinstallation of seasonal water meters. A flurry of activity in the fall was occasioned by the Town of Northport's decision to repave George Street, Shore Road and Bluff Road. We had minimal notice of this and Bill Paige did yeoman work to obtain and install risers for our manhole covers and water shutoff accesses in time to coincide with the paving work. We renegotiated our service agreement with the Belfast Water District from whom we buy water and we recalibrated our water meter at the vault at Little River. Monitoring of the vault flow meter allowed us to identify and correct a major leak at a house in Birchcrest.

We continue to add a few new water customers each year and we are happy to do so. We have had requests for sewer connections which pose a different problem. Our sewer system was designed and built for the existing community with a limited 10% growth factor to accommodate houses which might be built on existing lots of record. We are uncertain whether our license allows us to accommodate new sewer connections from newly defined building lots since this may constitute an expansion of our system. Since we have been in violation of our license and are operating under an administrative consent agreement, we must define to what degree our treatment plant can take new customers.

Submitted by David D. Crofoot, Chairman

The Safety Committee

The Safety Committee is an ad hoc committee formed at the request of the Overseers.

The main responsibilities of the Safety Committee are the securing of the lifeguard and the summer safety officer(s). General safety rules are outlined in the Safety Handbook distributed in the summer of 1999. Present committee members are Ed Williams, Judy Rohweder, Betty Wilson, Pam Williams and Maureen Einstein.

Our lifeguard was a veteran of prior service to the village. An elevated chair for the lifeguard was erected on the dock near the swim float. Identifying apparel for the lifeguard was purchased.

Updated safety notices and signs were posted in prominent places.

Police Chief Sal Demeo and Joan Demeo were rehired as Bayside Safety Officers.

Submitted by Peter R. Allen, Chair

Village Agent

Residents are reminded that only household garbage will be picked up again this year. The garbage should be placed in plastic bags no larger than 33 gallons, must be tied up, and must have a Northport sticker on each one. Stickers are available at the NVC office. All garbage bags must be at the curb by 8:00 a.m. Collection is on Mondays only September 16th to June 14th and Mondays and Thursdays June 15th to September 15th.

The roads were graded in the spring but many require more work (see the Surface Runoff Committee's report). Alden Badershall rebuilt the merry-go-round in Ruggles Park replacing all of the wood which should eliminate any splinters.

The everyday work of the Village continues with parks being mowed and maintained, ditches cleaned, storm grates replaced and/or cleaned off. Mulch will again be placed where needed.

Submitted by Bill Paige

Tree Warden

In response to a grant from the Maine Forest Service, Bayside has a Tree Ordinance in place. The Ordinance serves to protect, preserve and replace Village trees as needed. Old photographs reveal trees have been a significant part of our heritage and certainly beautify the community. Signs are not permitted on trees.

Each year arborist John Tooley of Northeast Tree Service makes an inspection of our park trees to evaluate and discuss any pruning or removal necessary. Our goal is to prevent, as much as possible, any foreseeable problems during the coming winter months. Although we did not have a lot of snow we did have several nor'easters and extremely windy and rainy conditions. Our trees stood tall throughout. Replacement trees in Bayview Park and Blaisdell Park are thriving along with the Sargent flowering crabapple in Ruggles Park.

Submitted by Jane Phillips, Tree Warden

Wharfmaster Report

The 2005 season was another busy one at the Alfred J. Keith wharf area in Bayside. Unfortunately, the year began on a somber note, when Al passed away peacefully at the Veterans Home in Bangor during the winter. Al was a legend in Bayside for many decades. He was the long-term village Harbormaster, mooring man, lobsterman, constable, and all around good guy who was always glad to lend anyone a hand. He will be greatly missed! His presence will be felt around Bayside for years to come!

Flower boxes were planted at the wharf entrance. The Lovejoy dingy—moored in the Ruggles Park Circle was overflowing with beautiful flowers. Planters/barrels lined the park roads and the Yacht Club window boxes were once again beautiful. Many thanks to the Garden Club, NYC, and all who helped beautify this focal point area of our village—well done!

For the most part in 2005, activity around the wharf area was pretty much business as usual. Additions to the wharf were a new equipment/gear storage locker contributed by Art Hall and a new chair for the lifeguard to use for overseeing the swimming area. No major incidents/mishaps were reported. On warm summer days, swimmers, sailors, and fishermen flocked to the dock area to enjoy what Penobscot Bay has to offer. We were again fortunate to have the services of a lifeguard and the NYC sailing program once again had a busy year. The anchorage had well over one hundred boats moored and as usual the boat float was packed to capacity with dinghies.

Very few complaints were voiced, and most of those that were, involved the dinghy situation and/or fishing. The issue with dinghies is that we simply do not have enough space for everyone's dinghy at the boat float. A larger float would certainly help, but even then, if people are not willing to comply with the dinghy rules in place, then simply enlarging the float will not solve the issue either. The out float is under-utilized and thus is of questionable value since it takes up a fairly large space in the mooring field and is costly to maintain.

With regard to fishing, there is still the problem with fishermen and boaters though I frankly did not hear of any serious incidents/problems. One complaint that is heard from year to year regards

the mess that is sometimes left behind on both floats and the dock itself, by fishermen who do not clean up their area when they are done fishing—a cutting board was added to the boat float which seemed to help a bit. Some people feel that the swim float should be off limits to fishing no matter the time, weather, day etc. I do not share this opinion and believe it would be very difficult to enforce.

Getting the word out and posting signs seems like the best way to try and deal with both of the problems described above---and appealing to the common sense of those involved. Signs need to be specific and posted in prominent locations.

Finally, the Cradle Yard located between Clinton and Pleasant Streets underwent minor renovation/cleanup last year. The area is now much better suited for parking and short term storage of boats, trailers, and cradles.

It is asked that all users of the wharf area and cradle yard, please read and follow the applicable rules that are posted. It is hoped that everyone will use common sense, and will be courteous, safe, and considerate of others. For additional information please contact me or Assistant Wharfmasters Drexell White and Ed Williams.

Contributed by Gordon Fuller, Wharfmaster.

Northport Yacht Club

The Northport Yacht Club was founded in 1938 in an effort to promote sailing/boating in the Bayside community. The club is managed by a Board of Directors consisting of a Commodore, Vice Commodore, Rear Commodore, Fleet Captain, Secretary, Treasurer and six directors. The first clubhouse was centered on the old steamboat wharf, while today's clubhouse was built in 1950 at the water's edge in Ruggles Park. The 2005 membership was about 150, about half boat owners, and half social members.

The club provided a full calendar of events to people of the greater Bayside community. The year's activities began with a "kick-off dinner" attended by 80 members on Memorial Day weekend at the Lobster Pound Restaurant in Lincolnville. The month of June was spent preparing the club boats for launching,, opening the clubhouse, planting the window boxes and landscaping, and sanding, scraping, and painting, all done by volunteers.

Once the summer season started on July 1, with commencement of the Sailing School, every week and weekend was filled with activities for young and old alike. Approximately 90 students participated in the program throughout the season. Basic sailing skills, advanced lessons, and seamanship and safety was emphasized throughout.

Racing was once again a big part of the club's agenda. Informal Thursday night Daysailer Races began in July and were held well into August. Two Walter Downs' Daysailer Regattas were held for the young sailors as well. Six John Short Series “big boat” races took place during the summer and post race socials, often including hamburgers and hot dogs on the grill, followed each race. In addition, the club hosted the Annual Around Islesboro race in early September, which was once again very well attended—40 + boats. Money raised was invested into the club's sailing program.

Many social and non boating events were also included amongst our activities. These included a boat parade, water slide/band concert in the park/kids games over the 4th of July weekend, a cocktail party held on the clubhouse deck, a tag sale to raise funds for our Sailing Program, pancake breakfast, Marshall's Cove picnic, 1st. annual Great Chowder Cook Off, bonfire on the beach, and pot luck supper.

General meetings were held in March, May, July, August (the annual meeting), and October. Three issues of the *Tell Tale* were published, keeping members abreast of club and community news.

On behalf of the club, thanks to all of you who supported the club and/or made contributions to our busy season.

Contributed by Gordon Fuller, Vice Commodore (05)

Bayside Historical Preservation Society

The Bayside Historical Preservation Society was organized and incorporated in 1995 to bring together and educate people interested in preserving the history of the Northport Village Corporation (commonly known as Bayside) and preserving the features that give Bayside its unique historical character. Any person interested in the history of NVC and in preserving its historic features and willing to pay the annual dues may become a member. The Society is a tax-exempt organization, so membership and contributions are tax deductible. Honorary membership may be conferred upon any person whose activities have significantly furthered the objectives of the Society.

Officers of the Society are a President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer. The Society is managed by a Board of Directors of not less than five or more than nine members, elected for two-year terms. The Board of Directors meets at intervals during May through October. An annual meeting of the membership is held on the second Saturday in July.

During the first years of the Society, activities were directed at organizing and growing the Society, collecting and archiving materials related to Bayside, and sponsoring (or helping to sponsor) activities such as the Fourth of July band concert in Ruggles Park, a tour of historic cottages, a silent movie program (in July 2006), and postcard, calendar, and stereopticon reproduction and sales.

In September 2003 a cottage was donated to BPHS by Kim Shelley and Burt Sturup. Located on Griffin Street, the cottage dimensions corresponded to those of the tent platforms on which the first campground cottages were built. The Society has postcards and photographs showing the cottage as early as 1907. The Officers and Directors of the Society thought the cottage would be suitable for a museum and a center for BPHS activities.

The cottage was moved immediately to a temporary location for the winter on George Street (near the library) and was moved again the following spring to its present and permanent location on Pleasant Street (beside "Cradle Park"). Volunteers stripped the cottage of its "modernizations" (insulation and electrical wiring; the cottage had been lived in during recent winters) and restored the cottage to its 100-year-old look. The back wall of the cottage was completely gone (it had been butted to another structure) and had to be replaced. In doing so, an

all-day search for a vintage door by two members, traveling as far away as Windsor, found a door said to have come from a house in Belfast! A new roof was put on the cottage, a replica porch was added to the front, and electricity was brought to the site by underground access and kept unobtrusively in an outlet under the second floor stairs. These renovations were financed by several grants from corporations and foundations and small contributions from many well-wishers.

The cottage/museum has been named "Shady Grove" both because of its shady setting and its relation to the Wesleyan Grove Campground. Landscaping and flowers and plants have improved the setting. After renovations and painting the structure were completed, the Society began to exhibit some of the artifacts that have been donated or acquired, thanks to many friends. A lighted floor display case shows many of the articles. The Society also has amassed a large collection of photos and paper related to the Wesleyan Grove Campground and Bayside. In the first year of operation, attention was concentrated on the downstairs displays: street signs and cottage signs, clothing, Northport/Bayside antique china, a family bible, photographs, and beautifully crafted models of Bayside structures made by one of our members.

Last year the second floor of the museum was set up. The upstairs has two rooms, one used for museum administration and storage, and the other decorated as a mid-1800s period bedroom with a bed and mattress, quilt, a folding child's crib, and other furnishings. Although not yet finished, the upstairs will model a bedroom fit for a camp meeting member.

We are excited by the steady progress of our little museum. We continue to look for artifacts from the early years of our community. We are a volunteer organization, open only when we are able to have members sit and welcome visitors. In the past, and we hope too for the 2006 season, the museum has been open on Sunday afternoons from 3 to 5 p.m. (Officers and Directors also open the museum for individual requests.) You are invited to visit the museum, look around, tell us what you think, and join our membership and work.

Robert R. Sherman
President

The Bayside Garden Club

The Garden Club was organized in 2002 in order to enhance the natural beauty of our parks and re-establish the tradition of the summer garden party. A request went out for a dinghy and Peg Lovejoy kindly donated her father's boat. It, along with six wooden barrels, was filled with flowering plants adjacent to the playground area. Hanging baskets were placed on the bulletin board and this year we are taking responsibility for the flower boxes at the Community Hall.

The Club responded to a request by Superintendent Richard McElhaney for flower containers to protect the sewer treatment area.

The wood fence in Merithew Square has weathered beautifully and is a fine replica of the original at the turn of the century. Harold Hede provided the photograph and with funding by the Garden Club the project was completed by volunteers.

Once again elves placed Christmas wreaths in the park.

The Club depends on volunteers to select, plant and maintain the flowers. Appreciation goes to the Yacht Club for allowing us the use of their water supply.

Meetings are held at White Rock cottage throughout the summer.

Officers are: President Jane Phillips; Vice President Alice Stein; Secretary/Treasurer Pam Williams.

Submitted by Jane Phillips

Clerk's Report of the Annual Meeting Of the Northport Village Corporation

Annual Meeting
August 9, 2005

The Annual Meeting of the Northport Village Corporation was held on Tuesday, August 9, 2005, at 6:30 PM in the Bayside Community Hall with approximately 81 voters present. The Clerk opened the meeting by reading the Call and Return on the Warrant. The meeting had been posted on five locations within the Village, and in the newspapers. The Warrant and Clerk's report had been made available in the Annual Report which was published more than two weeks before the meeting.

The Treasurer's report as of December 12, 2004, follows:

General Government	
Checking	\$25,510.14
Community Hall	<u>835.54</u>
Total	\$26,345.68
 Water Department	
Checking	\$73,442.50
Petty Cash	<u>41.60</u>
Total	\$73,484.10
 Sewer Department	
Checking	\$22,820.92
Petty Cash	<u>41.61</u>
Total	\$22,862.53

The Treasurer's report as of July 2005 follows:

General Government	
Checking	\$36,411.61
Community Hall	876.29
Petty cash	<u>32.88</u>
Total	\$37,320.78

Water Department

Checking	\$70,754.66
Petty Cash	<u>30.72</u>
Total	\$70,785.38

Accounts Receivable \$1,630.01

Sewer Department

Checking	\$19,327.65
Petty Cash	<u>36.37</u>
Total	\$19,364.02

Accounts Receivable \$ 5,930.42

Deirdre Goode, the newest United States Citizen in the Village, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Article 1: J. Timothy Samway was elected Moderator of the meeting.

Article 2: President Josiah Huntoon opened his report by explaining the individual responsibilities of each of the Overseers, as follows: P. Allen- Safety; M. Brockway- Facilities; D. Crofoot- Utilities; J. Metcalf- Utilities; M. Robbins- finance and communication; P. Spollett- Utilities. M. Hanrahan resigned during the year because of time commitments.

Thanks were extended to Timothy Samway for his assistance in seeing that the annual meetings were conducted efficiently and legally, and to Bill Paige for his diligent efforts in making things run smoothly in the Village.

Huntoon praised the Utilities Committee for the “minor miracles” of organization and accomplishments, particularly in interaction with the DEP.

He also thanked Treasurer Sheffield for her hours spent modernizing Village accounting methods, and working to eventually bring all accounting in-house.

During the Treasurer’s report, Sheffield briefly explained a change in accounting procedures as the Village is moved from a cash basis to an accrual basis which shows income that is supposed to come in, not just cash received. This change, requested by the auditor who will be responsible for the entire audit in the future, will be implemented during the coming year.

Article 3: To see what sums of money the Northport Village Corporation will raise and appropriate for the following accounts for the fiscal year 2006:

Overseers Proposed Budget

Total income \$157,176

Expenses

General Government	\$66,726
Roads & Storm Drains	16,400
Protection & Safety	22,200
Community	17,550
Debt Service & Reserve	<u>34,300</u>
Total Expenses	\$157,176

This money will be raised as follows: \$25,000 to be requested from the Town of Northport on the

warrant of its Annual Town Meeting, and the balance to be raised from the Village Tax. If the warrant is not approved by the Town of Northport, the budget will be raised entirely from the Village Tax.

Robbins moved, seconded by Allen, that the Article be passed. After discussion, Article 3 was **Voted**.

Article 4: To approve borrowings by the Northport Village Corporation in an amount not to exceed \$50,000 for working capital purposes. Funds are to be borrowed in anticipation of the 2006 taxes. Moved by Crofoot, seconded by Brockway, and **Voted**.

Article 5: To approve borrowings by the Northport Village Corporation in an amount not to exceed \$100,000. Funds are to be used towards replacement of the Community Hall and wharf as needed, emergency repairs to utilities operated by the Village Corporation, or for reconstruction of shoreline damage to property owned by the Northport Village Corporation as a result of a storm. Moved by Metcalf, seconded by Robbins, and **Voted**.

Article 6: To fix a rate of interest on taxes delinquent after November 30, 2005, equal to that charged by the Town of Northport. Moved by Robbins, seconded by Crofoot, and **Voted**.

Article 7: To elect the Officers by written ballot.

The Moderator asked Nominating Committee chairman Blair Einstein to present the slate of officers. For President, Einstein nominated Josiah Huntoon. No names were presented from the floor and Huntoon was elected President of the Village Corporation for the coming year.

Einstein then nominated Julian Sheffield for Treasurer, who was elected unopposed.

Eleanor Lagner was the sole nominee for Clerk, and thus was re-elected.

Article 8: Einstein presented the Nominating Committee's slate for the office of Overseer, as follows:

Peter Allen	Margaret Brockway	William Cressey
David Crofoot	Linda Houghton	Judy Metcalf
Peter Spollett		

No nominations were made from the floor, so the slate as presented was **Voted**.

Huntoon then thanked Mike Robbins for his contributions to the Board, and to the young people who were prepared to post names on the board if anyone had been nominated from the floor.

Article 9: Crofoot moved Article 9, seconded by Brockway, as follows: To see if the Northport Village Corporation will vote to appropriate and authorize a majority of the Overseers of the Corporation to borrow on behalf of the Northport Village Corporation a principal amount not to exceed \$500,000, and to issue and sell for that purpose general obligation bonds or notes of the Northport Village Corporation, the proceeds to be used for the purpose of financing repairs and improvements to the current wastewater system ("the Project"), such bonds and notes to be issued upon such further terms or conditions as may be determined by a majority at least of the Overseers of the Northport Village Corporation, and further to authorize the Overseers to accept and expend federal or state grants, execute any and all contracts and documents, and take any and all actions necessary or convenient to issue the bonds or notes of the Northport Village Corporation and accomplish the Project.

After discussion Article 9 was **Voted**.

Article 10. Sid Block presented the reasoning behind the citizen-requested article, which was amended to read, "To see if the Overseers will appoint an ad hoc committee to evaluate proposed solutions for and obtain cost estimates for the remediation of surface water run-off issues." Moved by Block, seconded by Robbins. **Voted.**

Article 11. Committee Reports.

Facilities: Brockway complimented those maintaining the parks, which are in excellent shape this summer.

Safety: Allen announced that the playground memorial fund needs contributions.

Signs on the wharf have been revised and updated.

Speeding is still the primary safety problem.

The Utilities Department: It is requested that no one park in the area over the sewer treatment tanks next to the wharf entrance.

The meeting concluded with a reading of the names of those who died this year. It had been noted that Matthew Stuen was incorrectly listed in the annual report as Matthew Stuen Wiesenbach, and Leon Lord was added to the list.

By motion of Jane Phillips, the meeting was adjourned at 8:35 P.M. The newly elected Officers and Overseers were then sworn in by Clerk Lagner.

Eleanor Lagner, Clerk
Northport Village Corporation

Bayside Building and Plumbing Permits

For the period January 1, 2005 through May 9, 2006, building permits were issued as follows:

2 Foundations
1 Replacement House
1 House
1 House Move
9 Additions

There were 11 internal plumbing permits issued.

Respectfully,
Frank Therio, Northport CEO & LPI

Deaths

Betty Chittick
Leon Lord
Carl Matteson
Nina Monastero
Mabel Wadsworth
Dan Webster, III

Tax Liens – as of July 7, 2006

2005

Deacon, Carole & David
Drinkwater, George & Charleen
Durkee, Michael & Linda
Fischer, Sharon
Gerrity, Mrs. Thomas
Gertrude Pingree Trust
Godholm, Claire
Handler, Russell H. Living Trust
Hanrahan, Mary
Hoikala, Karen
Lojek, John & Patricia
Seavey, Gloria
Smith, Madalena & Elaine

2004

Drinkwater, George & Charleen
Gerrity, Mrs. Thomas
Gertrude Pingree Trust
Hanrahan, Mary
Seavey, Gloria
Smith, Madalena & Elaine

2003

Gerrity, Mrs. Thomas
Seavey, Gloria
Smith, Madalena & Elaine

1995 – 2002

Seavey, Gloria